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REMARKS

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1. At 1300 on 8 April 1955, 10 old tractors from the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne (2001) were entrained at the Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station. The vehicles which arrived on 3 April had been erroneously reported as half-track trucks. They were actually 25 new tractors with T-34 chassis for the artillery brigade in the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne.¹

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2. Between 7 and 17 April, the three Waldkasernen (5441/42/43) in Rathenow were occupied as previously. In all three installations, intensive preparations for departure to a summer camp were under way. Trucks, including some carrying construction details, went almost daily to Altengrabow.²

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3. On 20 April, Waldlager I and III (Born), Waldlager II south of Huetten and the Waldlager southeast of Jaevenitz were occupied only by guard details wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

4. Until about 20 April, Camp Schweinrich at the Wittstock training grounds was occupied by only a guard detail.

1. Comment. Including this shipment, the 124th Hv How Arty Brig received a total of about 85 new tractors with T-34 chassis until mid-April and turned in some 66 old prime movers, predominantly for other artillery units in the Zone.

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2. Comment. After inspections of units of the 6th Arty Div had been held in early April, it appears probable that the units prepared for their departure to summer camps at Altengrabow.

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